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Laying it on the line

The 16th Communications Squadron, uses a pocket transit to help align a satellite dish during a communication exercise this week. For the full story, see page 16.



Photo by Airman Ali Flisek

Hurlburt Field NCO garners top award

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan
Public Affairs

"Just do what you do best every day, and it'll come back to you."

That's the advice Staff Sgt. Kevin Davis, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 7, gives to all Airmen who are trying to accomplish a career goal.

The aircraft communication navigation mission system instructor, received the Air Education and Training Command's Instructor of the Year Award Tuesday.

"Sergeant Davis is a stellar troop. There aren't any words too grand to explain his professionalism and step-forward attitude," said Capt. Eric Nimke, 373rd TRS/Det. 7 commander.

"Kevin is an exceptional NCO," said Master Sgt. Timothy Lawson, 373rd TRS/Det. 7 superintendent. "He's self-motivated and hardworking. I can always count on him to get things done!"

Sergeant Davis plans, conducts and evaluates avionics systems instruction on special operations weapons systems. He earned the detachment's first ever 1,400-hour award by training 32 students in nine classes and eight training sessions, averaging 125 hours per month.

Sergeant Davis volunteered to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While there he worked over 12 hours a day, seven days a week, increasing qualifications and familiarization with the maintenance

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Base, locals partner to foster homeland security

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis
Public Affairs

Two base organizations met with a team of more than 130 local emergency-response personnel at the Soundside club Aug. 19 to inform the local-response teams about the OSI mission and of the ways Hurlburt Field could provide mutual support in the event of a large-scale emergency situation.

"You're the front-line defense in the Global War," Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, told the local response teams. "You deal with incidents that can be just as complex as a military scenario. For that reason, you're going to be some of the first folks to support us if we have an incident."

During the event, Maj. Dai Cho, Hurlburt Field Office of Special Investigations commander, and Special Agent Vasaga Tilo, Eglin Air Force Base OSI, briefed participants on the mission of Air Force

counter-intelligence agents in local and deployed locations.

S.A. Tilo began by emphasizing the importance of the OSI mission in deployed locations.

"As of now, more than 200 agents are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to perform the OSI mission," Agent Tilo said. "One of these missions includes source networking – working closely with counterparts and befriending locals in order to receive early detection of threats."

S.A. Tilo said, "Many of the concepts used in law enforcement are also used in force protection."

"Duties may include setting up sting operations to seize weapons, collecting information on terrorist targets in the area, working as service-protection escorts, conducting surveillance detection and vulnerability assessments, and reporting everything they see, hear

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Commando Run

The 16th Special Operations Wing is conducting a mandatory run for all 16th SOW military personnel at 6:45 a.m. Sept. 27. The run will begin at the helicopter parking apron on the east side of the flight line. Required uniform consists of dark-colored shorts with a black or brown T-shirt.

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History trivia questions earn \$10 in Marlin money

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Hoop it up

Undefeated 16th CMS intramural basketball team falls to 16th SVS

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Weekend forecast

Friday – Partly cloudy, High 91 Low 75

Saturday – Isolated storms, High 90 Low 74

Sunday – Partly cloudy, High 89 Low 73

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Open Line

The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

I really appreciate your feedback.

To receive a response, leave your name, unit and telephone number. Open lines of general interest will be printed in the

COMMANDO. I'll answer the others by letter or phone call. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.

However, if you're not satisfied with the answer you receive, feel free to give me a call at 884-OPEN (6736), or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil.



Col. O.G. Mannon

The following is a memorandum issued Aug. 12 by Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, Air Force Special Operations Command commander.

Substance abuse, whether it be alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription drugs, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Substance abuse hurts – not only the member – but their family, friends, coworkers and, more importantly, it jeopardizes mission accomplishment. Drug abuse, whether it be illegal drugs or abuse of prescription drugs, can lead to offenses related such as writing bad checks, theft, falsifying prescriptions, late for work, dereliction of duty, and destruction of property.

Furthermore, the undetected presence of drugs among the troops is a hidden threat. One of the dangerous aspects to this type of threat is that you can't predict when it will surface. Rather than waiting for the threat to surface, you must be diligent in your efforts to uncover it. Lastly, if you have information concerning a member's drug use, contact OSI and your JAG.



Lt. Gen.
Michael
Wooley

Quality of life

NCOs from the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, inspect the base dormitories with Chief Master Sgt. Richard Small (center), 16th Special Operations Wing command chief, to identify and prioritize dormitory quality-of-life upgrades Monday.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan

Salute honors treasured military courtesy

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec
AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – For most people, the salute symbolizes the honor and respect inherent in the military lifestyle.

Despite its significance, I've noticed a variety of salutes during my Air Force career such as the "tennis elbow" salute, delivered with the elbow low and close to the body; the "Capt. Hook" salute, characterized by the cup-like shape of the fingers and palm of the hand; the "who goes there?" salute, in which the fingers of the right hand come to rest somewhere over the right eyebrow and finally, the "Off we go" salute, in which the right hand flies swiftly forward instead of taking its normal downward path along the gig line.

I'm not quite sure where these salutes came from, because *Air Force Manual 36-2203, Drill and Ceremonies*, provides rather concise guidelines.

The manual states to correctly salute raise the right hand smartly in the most direct manner while at the same time extending and joining the fingers. Keep the palm flat and facing the body. Place the thumb along the

forefingers, keeping the palm flat and forming a straight line between the fingertips and elbow. Tilt the palm slightly toward the face. Hold the upper arm horizontal, slightly forward of the body and parallel to the ground. Ensure the tip of the middle finger touches the right front corner of either the billed hat or outside corner of the right eyebrow or the front corner of glasses if no hat is worn. To complete the salute, bring down the arm smoothly and retrace the path used to raise the arm.

Sounds easy, but what about the snap most Airmen prefer? Master Sgt. Anthony Gardner, superintendent of the Randolph Air Force Base Honor Guard suggests any movement the honor guard performs only gains its precision through practice, which is something they do regularly. He added that same adherence to practice would sharpen any Airman's salute.

I recall how practice played a key role in getting through saluting during basic training. We learned this maneuver, and then anxiously waited our turns to knock at the training instructor's door, march in, report and smartly salute.

We all practiced quietly reciting our report and salute prior to that moment under scrutiny. Invariably nerves set in and many failed, but over time, we learned to deliver a good salute.

Moving on to technical school, my awareness of the salute came frequently to bear during change of command and retirement ceremonies. Standing at attention in the Mississippi heat, we answered our group commander's call for "present arms" as hundreds of young Airmen flashed precision salutes.

I'd be a liar if I said my conduct has always been completely exemplary. While on assignment overseas, I'd follow the lead of my golfing buddies and duck under the eaves of a building to keep from saluting during the daily two-nation retreat ceremony. However, I can say those selfish habits are in the past, and I now enjoy saluting. Although I doubt I'll ever be as good as an honor guard member, I know each opportunity to show respect to the flag or to Air Force officers provides me a chance to perfect my salute.

Practice your salute; it may be a courtesy that grows on you, too.

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DUI Tracker

Aug. 20 – 26: 4 DUIs

This year: 27

DUIs for 2003: 54

Last DUI: 16th Special Operations Squadron, Aug. 26

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As of Feb. 15, individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Aug. 19.



U.S. Air Force reflects on 57 years of history

Courtesy of the 16th SOW History office

While honoring the memories, sacrifices and achievements of the past, the United States Air Force commemorates its 57th anniversary and looks forward to an even brighter future.

Three and a half years after Orville and Wilbur Wright introduced the world to powered flight, the U.S. Army Signal Corps created an Aeronautical Division and laid the foundation for today's Air Force.

Although their initial focus centered on balloons and airships, the Aeronautical Division received its first airplane from the Wright brothers in 1909, and formed its first unit, the 1st Aero Squadron, Dec. 8, 1913.

In 1914, Congress granted the Army's air force official status, creating the Aviation Section, Signal Corps. Three years later, America entered World War I. Aircrews joined the battle by providing observation and reconnaissance, while fighting for dominance of the skies. Responding to the growing importance of air power, President Woodrow Wilson created the Army Air Service in 1918 and placed it directly under the control of the War Department.

America's Air Force faced numerous challenges following victory in World War I. In spite of calls for an independent Air Service, the Army and Navy fought to retain air power as an auxiliary capability, opposing the creation of a new branch of service.

The Army Reorganization Act of 1920 officially made the Air Service a combatant arm of the U.S. Army. In 1926, the Air Service changed its name to the Army Air Corps, but it received only limited funds for peacetime expansion and modernization.

Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939 signaled the beginning of World War II. With America's entrance into the conflict all but inevitable, the War Department created the Army Air Forces as its aviation element.

Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, propelled the United States into war, and accelerated the AAF's expansion. During the course of the war, the AAF decimated its opposition, and dominated the skies over Japan and Germany.

America's air force didn't win the war on its own, but the accomplishments of the AAF made an allied victory possi-

ble. Based on its numerous wartime achievements and expanding capabilities, the United States Air Force won its independence as a full partner with the Army and the Navy Sept. 18, 1947.

Since 1947, the U.S. Air Force has remained the world's first and only truly global Air and Space Force. Whether deterring Soviet aggression during the Cold War, or answering the call to arms in places such as Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, the men and women of the Air Force have a proud history of service and excellence.

In conjunction with Air Force anniversary, Sept. 14 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The day is set aside to honor the heroism and sacrifices made by tens of thousands of Americans who endured captivity in enemy hands as well as those whose fate remains unknown. For those of us whose freedoms have been protected, it's imperative that we always remember their sacrifices.

Air Force history trivia

In celebration of the Air Force's 57th anniversary Sept. 18, the Commando newspaper will feature a series of trivia questions beginning today and continuing in the Sept. 3 and 10 issues.

The first person to correctly answer all five questions and e-mail the answers to commando@hurlburt.af.mil will be awarded \$10 in Marlin money, which can be used as cash at most 16th Services Squadron facilities. The 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office will notify the winners, who can pick up their coupons at the office in Building 90210.

- Who composed the Air Force Song?
- Who was the first American U.S. Army Air Force "ace" of World War II?
- In 1943, Nazi Germany's Herman Goering offered a reward for the capture of an Army Air Force major assigned to the 351st Bomb Group. Who was he?
- What legislation officially created an independent U.S. Air Force?
- Who was the first Secretary of the Air Force?

Youth center moves to temporary location

By Karen DeCarlo
16th SVS

Beginning Monday, Hurlburt Field's youth center operations will begin a two-week temporary move to the teen/community center.

Major renovation to the youth center's existing structure is expected to begin in mid-September.

The project will include a 6,700 square-foot structural addition, with four specialty rooms for the school-age program, a training room, and a customer-friendly office. The project is slated to be completed by fall 2005.

All youth program registration, including youth sports, will be processed at the community center, located behind the base library in

Building 90337. Current phone numbers will remain the same with the primary number as 884-6355.

The hours of operation for the temporarily combined youth and community center location are as follows:

Before and after school care

Mondays – Fridays: 6:15 to 8:30 a.m.
Mondays – Fridays: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Summer camp/holidays

Mondays – Fridays: 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Open recreation and free play

Mondays – Thursdays: 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Fridays: 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Teen center

Tuesdays – Thursdays: 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays: 5:30 a.m. to

11 p.m.

Open recreation and free play are designed for children ages 9–12. If children ages 6–8 aren't in a supervised or scheduled program, they must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian or sibling (ages 16 and older). Teen programs are designed for youth ages 13–18 and still in high school.

The temporary location may require flexibility for certain programs. Until further notice, martial arts and gymnastics classes will be held at the Commando Fitness Center, Building 90232, on the following days and times:

Taekwondo

Mondays and Wednesdays: 5 to 7 p.m.

Gymnastics

Tuesdays: 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.
Thursdays: 4 to 5 p.m.

Spotlight on...

LaRue Hamilton

Duty Title: Education and Training Technician

Organization: 16th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Searsport, Maine

Hobbies: Golfing, coaching baseball and watching his children play sports

Contribution to the mission:

Mr. Hamilton provides flexibility to the Hurlburt Field Education Center as the only technician trained on the education and Awards and Decorations Programs.

He provided oversight during fiscal year 2004, as he administered approximately \$200,000 of tuition assistance to more than 500 individuals.

Mr. Hamilton currently advises about 25 individuals per day, while helping them attain educational degrees.

His supervisors describe him as a "superior technician who displays the courtesy and professionalism required in a visible customer service organization."

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

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career field. Not only did Sergeant Davis perform instructor duties, he helped out operationally.

"I deployed to provide training and also to help relieve the workload," said Sergeant Davis.

Through this period, he ensured mission success by troubleshooting and repairing various mechanical problems, sometimes at the last minute.

By repairing an AC-130 that had lost communication with ground forces, he was able to help prevent

any friendly-fire incidents. He also repaired infrared fire control systems and radar; ensuring operators were able to accomplish their missions without delay.

"It's been a real rewarding experience," he said. "Student feed-back comes often, but it feels really good to have some top-level supervisors acknowledge my accomplishments."

**Staff Sgt.
Kevin Davis**

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

Aug. 22, 1923 – The Barling Bomber made its initial flight

Aug. 23, 1937 – The first wholly automatic landing in history accomplished

Aug. 24, 1951 – The first Medal of Honor of the Korean Conflict was posthumously awarded to Maj. L.J. Seville

Aug. 25, 1966 – The first class of German air force student pilots entered training at

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Aug. 26, 1954 – The Bell X-1A rocket aircraft reached a record altitude of 90,443 feet

Aug. 27, 1945 – Boeing B-29s made the first supply-dropping mission to World War II prisoners of war in China

Aug. 28, 1923 – A new world record was set for refueled flight duration at a time of 37 hours, 15 minutes and 4.8 seconds

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News Briefs

Fewer service members assigned worldwide

On Aug. 16, President George Bush announced the realignment of U.S. forces around the world. The plan to reduce the number of U.S. troops stationed overseas will:

■ Increase U.S. military capabilities and combat power in every part of the world

■ Improve our cooperation with, and our ability to defend, allies

■ Strengthen our ability to deter aggression

■ Make America safer by better preparing our military to address the new dangers associated with rogue nations, global terrorism and WMDs

■ Give our military people more time at home and fewer moves over a career

■ Give military spouses fewer job changes

■ Save the taxpayers money by closing hundreds of unneeded facilities around the world

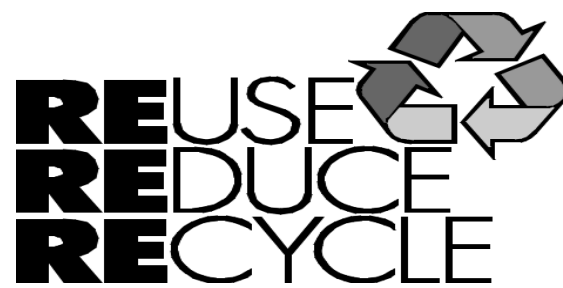
Commissaries accept Internet coupons

Commissaries are again accepting computer-generated Internet coupons with a couple of requirements to guard against fraud, Defense Commissary Agency officials announced.

This week all 273 commissaries around the world began accepting computer-generated Internet coupons that meet the following criteria: they must have a bar code that store checkouts can scan, and they can't be for a free product. Photocopied or facsimile-generated coupons remain unacceptable at all commissaries.

DeCA as well as other grocery retailers had stopped accepting home-printed coupons in September 2003 as an interim measure while the grocery industry grappled with losses incurred because of their fraudulent use. Analysts estimated the loss by coupon fraud to be millions of dollars to the grocery industry, which ultimately costs consumers in the form of raised prices to recoup losses.

Later this month, the agency's Web site, www.commissaries.com/, will re-establish links to Internet grocery coupon sites for the convenience of commissary shoppers.



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Armed Forces Voter's Week

With the November general election almost upon us, and registration deadlines even sooner, time is running out for citizens who want to participate in the elections this year. That's why the Secretary of Defense has decreed Sept. 3-11, as Armed Forces Voter's Week.

This is the last week to submit a Federal Post Card Application, SF-76, request for registration and/or an absentee ballot, which meets most state deadlines.

The Hurlburt Field Voter's Week will take place that same week at the base exchange from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the exception of Labor Day. A voting representative will be on hand to distribute voting registration forms and assist with voting questions.

For more information, call unit-voting representatives or Maj. Russell Sullivan, installation voting officer, at 881-3978.

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and encounter to their corresponding agency in the continental United States," he said. "It's a dangerous mission for all who are involved."

Following Agent Tilo's briefing was Major Cho, who explained the mission of OSI within CONUS.

"Pre Sept. 11, 2001, we didn't have many of the information resources we have now," Major Cho said. "The suffering and attacks we endured, were because we didn't know the terrorist were changing their plan of attack.

"Now (post Sept. 11), we have agents assigned to all levels – local, state, federal and international – and are maintaining strong relationships with our counterparts," he said.

Agent Tilo concluded the briefing by stressing the need for local liaisons at home and abroad in order to combat terrorist threats.

"We can't collect threat information without working with our liaison contacts," S.A. Tilo said. "I encourage everyone to learn more about each other's mission on homeland security."

In order to inform the civilian response team counterparts, Tech. Sgt. Doug Smith, 16th CES, explained the concept and guidelines of military domestic support.

"What we do at Eglin and Hurlburt is support everyone out there," Sergeant Smith said. "We want to help the community if they're in need of support. That's why we'll work with military support civil authorities in any way we can."

Sergeant Smith explained that although local military bases are willing to help local-response teams, because of restrictions on the use of military equipment and manning, each situation must fall within three categories: saving lives, human sufferings or property damage.

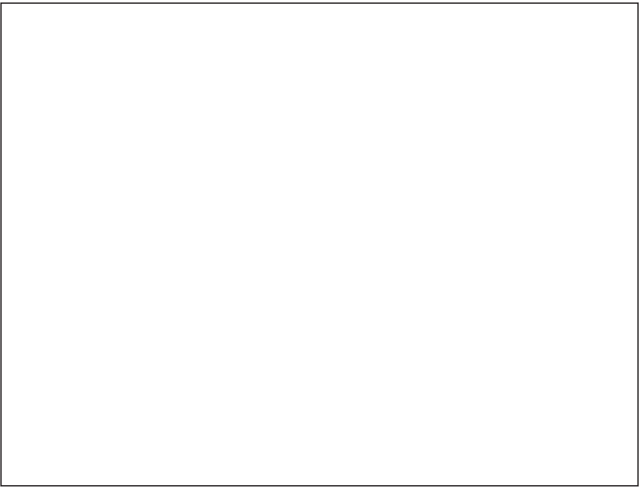


Photo by Airman 1st Class Andy Kin

Maj. Dai Cho, Air Force Office of Special Investigations commander at Hurlburt Field, briefs the crowd on the local OSI mission.

He also stressed the importance of calling upon local response teams before initiating a request from Hurlburt Field or Eglin AFB.

"We may not always have the manning or equipment available when the time is needed," Sergeant Davis said, "but, Eglin has all of the capabilities of Hurlburt and 15 more agencies in the local community.

"We only request that you exhaust all local resources before requesting military assistance," he said, "unless the incident involves military aircraft. In those incidences, we'll be the first to respond."

The relationship between military and civilian-response teams is crucial in providing homeland security in CONUS and abroad.

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USO distributes 300,000th care package

The United Service Organizations has distributed more than 300,000 Operation USO Care Packages to troops since the program began in September 2002.

Initiated by the USO of Metropolitan Washington, Operation USO Care Package is a way for the American people to show their support for service members, officials said, and is endorsed by the Department of Defense.

The packages include items specifically requested by military personnel serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, such as prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries, snacks and playing cards.

"The tremendous success of Operation USO Care Package is a true testament to the support USO volunteers and the American people provide for our men and women deployed in the war against terrorism," said Edward Powell, president and chief executive officer of USO World Headquarters.

"This is but one example of the bridge the USO provides to individuals and corporations to reach out and show their support for military personnel," he added.

Expanding its outreach to troops, the USO opened a center in Kuwait last December, and recently opened centers in Qatar and in Vicenza, Italy. The Qatar center offers troops a 96-hour pass through the Rest and Recuperation Program, where they can take a break and enjoy cultural and sporting activities.

Another special program for deployed troops is USO Operation Phone Home. Donations to this



program help the USO purchase prepaid, international calling cards for service members, including those stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To help boost troop morale, the USO also increased the number of celebrity entertainment tours over the last few years.

These included numerous tours to Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations in the Persian Gulf region, as well as stateside "welcome home"

celebrations for returning troops, USO officials noted.

To support these programs call (800) USO-7469 or go to the USO World Headquarters Web site at <http://www.uso.org/>. **(AFPN)**

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FEGLI open season begins Wednesday

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull
AFPC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Federal employees will have the chance to enroll or make changes to their group life insurance as part of a special open season Wednesday through Sept. 30. The event is in celebration of the program turning 50 years old.

"We estimate 127,000 Air Force employees will be eligible to enroll or increase their life insurance," said Maria Molly, chief of benefits and entitlements at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "The last time federal employees were allowed to make these kinds of changes was five years ago."

"Normally, it would take a 'qualifying life event' or the employee getting a physical at their expense. This open season doesn't require a physical or answering any questions about one's health."

The Federal Employees'

Group Life Insurance program consists of basic life insurance coverage and three options that include coverage for up to five times an employee's base salary plus coverage for family members.

In most cases, a new employee is automatically covered by basic life insurance. The types and amounts of coverage available aren't changing.

Newly elected coverage won't be effective until after Sep. 1, 2005. The reason for the delay is to prevent employees increasing coverage only when they know they need it, resulting in a high number of immediate claims, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Such claims increase the program's costs.

For more information, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm. There's a calculator available to help compute premium cost at www.opm.gov/calculator/worksheet.asp.

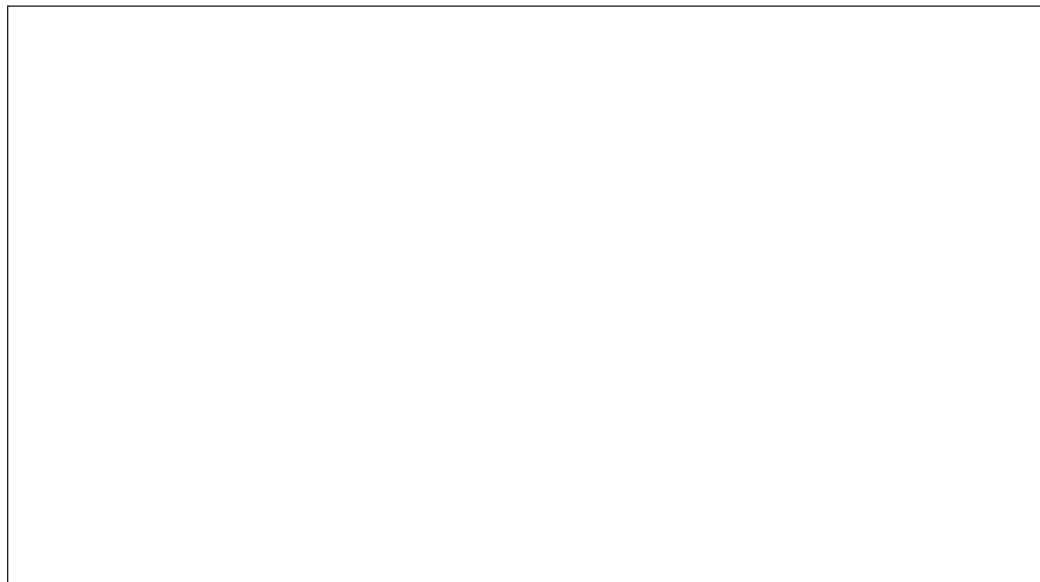


Photo by Airman 1st Class Andy Kin

Grand Opening

Col. Clifford Day (left), 16th Mission Support Group commander, Yvonne Mace, 16th Security Forces Squadron, and Maj. Richard Neal, 16th Security Forces Squadron commander, cut the ribbon to a new security forces mobility shed Aug. 16. Ms. Mace has headed the project for the last eight years to create a 5,000 square-foot facility to accommodate more than \$22 million worth of equipment.

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DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service saves customers money by offering low prices every day.

A national independent market basket survey of AAFES prices compared to comparable retailers reveals that AAFES prices are on average 21.89 percent lower than the competition. This savings is before any additional savings from the tax-free advantage of shopping AAFES.

The survey results are online at www.aafes.com. The survey, conducted in January by Comparative Prices International, sampled

everyday prices of 150 items at AAFES facilities and competitors located near military installations in six military communities.

Communities surveyed included Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.; and Luke AFB, Ariz.

Retail Policy Specialist Ralph Byerly said, "We compared our prices to the most popular retailers where our customers also shop."

All major retail departments were represented in AAFES' Market Basket Survey, which was designed

to focus on the most popular items sold in AAFES facilities.

"It's not only important to offer the lowest price, but also the best product," said Dale Linebarger, sales directorate vice president.

Prices surveyed were for national name brand items. AAFES private labels save customers even more over national brands.

AAFES provides quality merchandise at uniformly low prices to active-duty military, Guard and Reserve members, military retirees and family members wherever they're stationed.

AAFES Commander, Maj.

Gen. Kathryn Frost said that she's especially proud of the survey's results because these low prices aren't just found in the continental United States, but at AAFES facilities throughout the world, including Tactical Field Exchanges in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"This survey confirms that not only does AAFES 'Go Where You Go,' but our prices stay the same," General Frost said.

AAFES will continue to conduct surveys to ensure prices are the lowest possible.

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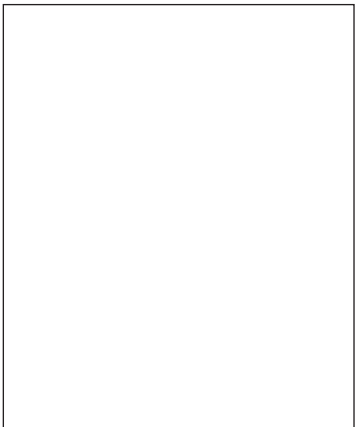
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CMS no longer undefeated

Story and photos by
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The 16th Services Squadron jumped out ahead of the undefeated 16th Component Maintenance Squadron and never looked back, taking the game 45-38 during an over 30 three-on-three intramural basketball game Tuesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

Torry Anderson, George Butler and Garryl Lee of the 16th SVS team kept the game's pace high. Even though their outside shooting was not on target for most of the game, their ability to drive the basketball to the hoop and score made them



Both teams watch the ball circle the rim before dropping in. tough to stop.

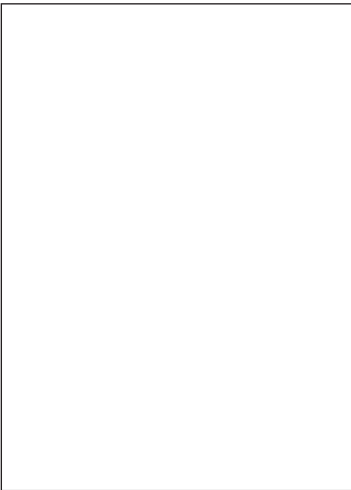
Justin Carr, Ted Cassoutt, Scott Day and Bill Hoffman of the 16th CMS had their hands full the whole game after falling behind quickly 5-

0. Some short rallies of two- and three-point jump shots kept CMS within reach the whole game, but they could never get ahead.

With only a few minutes left in the game, CMS resorted to fouling SVS to stop the clock. SVS made the free throws and stopped CMS's last attempts at a comeback.

CMS falls to 3-1 after the loss, putting them in third place.

SVS improves to 4-1 and gains a spot in the standings, moving up to second place behind the still undefeated 16th Medical Group.



Bill Hoffman, 16th CMS, blocks out George Butler (2), 16th SVS, after teammate Ted Cassoutt (21) attempts a jump shot over Garryl Lee (3).

Over 30 3-on-3 basketball standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
MDG	4	0	1.00
SVS	4	1	.0
CMS	3	1	.800
SFS	2	3	.750
LRS	1	3	.400
RHS	1	3	.250
505CCW	0	4	.250

Intramural 3-on-3 basketball standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Pct.
EMS-HG	5	0	1.000
LRS 4	4	1	.800
CMS	4	1	.800
MDG	4	2	.667
EMS AGE	4	2	.667
CES 1	3	2	.600
LRS 1	3	2	.600
LRS 3	3	2	.600
CES 2	3	3	.500
25th IOS	3	3	.500
LRS 2	3	3	.500
RHS	3	3	.500
505CCW	2	3	.400
SFS	2	3	.400
CPTS	2	4	.333
AMXS	1	5	.167
COMM	0	5	.000
AMMO	0	5	.000

Players move into position for a rebound after Justin Carr (24), 16th CMS, attempts his second of two free throws.

Sports shorts

Softball tournament

The Hurlburt Hispanic Heritage Month softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Hurlburt softball field located near the Aderholt Fitness Center. The cost is \$150 per team plus three slow-pitch softballs.

There'll be trophies for first and second place as well as t-shirts for the top three finishers. Refreshments will be available for purchase from a food booth. To register, call Master Sgt. Carlos Rivera at 884-4445 or Staff Sgt. Pedro Guerrero at 884-5134, or come by the ball field on Saturday at 7 a.m.

Men's, women's basketball

Varsity men's and women's basketball and over 30, three-on-three sign-ups have begun. For more information, call Christopher Myers at 884-6884.

Soccer tryouts

Soccer season is fast approaching. Anyone interested in trying out for the Hurlburt Field soc-

cer team should call Master Sgt. Tim Gibson at 884-2522.

Start smart soccer

Registration for Start Smart Soccer, an introductory soccer program for children ages 3 to 5 years old, continues through Sept. 15. The weekly session will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Commando Fitness Center. The first of the six weekly sessions begin with parents-only training in the health and wellness center training room the week of Sept. 20. The subsequent five sessions will be parent and child one-on-one instruction, teaching the basic fundamentals and motor skills of soccer that will prepare children for eventual play in organized leagues. Cost is \$25 per parent-child couple. For more information, call the youth center at 884-6355.

Bowling tournament

The Family Freedom Youth/Adult Double Tournament entry deadline was Wednesday; how-

ever walk-ins are welcome. The tournament follows a nine pin, no-tap rule and is divided into three divisions based on age: Division one – ages eight and up; division two – ages nine to 13; and division three – ages 14 to 18. One adult per youth is permitted, with a \$15 entry fee per team. For more information, call Hurlburt Lanes at 884-6941.

Hockey registration

Fall league sign-ups for intramural roller hockey is Friday through Sept. 9. Games will be played at Hurlburt Field's main rink. Pick-up games will be played every Friday and Sunday until the league games begin. Players need to bring their own gear to play. For more information call Staff Sgt. Jason Davis at 884-7660 or John Hauser at 884-0440

Flag football, horseshoes

Unit flag football and horseshoes will be starting in September. Get with unit sport representatives or call Mr. Myers at 884-6884.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

An Airman from the 16th Communications Squadron (right), connects a cable to a DMC-120 satellite communications antenna to establish radio contact during a 16th CS exercise at Duke Field Aug. 16–20.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scottie McCord

As part of the exercise, 16th CS personnel set up a tent city (above) and all equipment to prepare for real-world deployments. Airmen from the 16th CS, check evaluation angles for a site survey.



Photo by Airman Ali Flisek

COMMEX prepares Airmen to deploy

By Airman James Dickens
Public Affairs

The 16th Communications Squadron conducted a two-week communications exercise here and at Duke Field to prepare the Comm. Commandos for future deployments.

During the first week of the exercise, held from Aug. 16–20, all the Commandos were checked for the necessary ancillary training, immunizations and equipment required for any real-world deployment.

After everyone was prepared, they moved on to Duke Field for their second week, which took place Monday through today.

"The exercise served to assess our readiness, and most problems were spot corrected," said Maj. Steve Goodman, 16th CS Tactical Communications Flight commander.

Also, Major Goodman said that because the exercise was comprised of on-call communicators for contingency response, it was able to serve as a check ride for those personnel.

The exercise included more than 35 participating personnel. In some cases, individuals were rotated to maximize organization exposure to deployed scenarios and increase familiarity with site activation.

"The primary focus of the exercise was to ensure training remains realistic, based on real challenges faced in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. We worked hard to preserve a focus on actual operational requirements," Major Goodman said.

"After participating in the exercise, I really think I have a feel for what it'll be like to deploy and do my job," said Airman 1st Class Matt Owen, 16th CS Satellite Communications.

Radio operators and maintainers also logged more than 30 hours of actual command and control operations and flight-following missions.

A variety of other personnel also participated including: 16th Special Operations Wing workgroup managers, 16th SOW mission information managers and 16th CS visual information troops.

"Everyone worked together in the same way we do when we deploy," Major Goodman said. "As a result, there's great value in exercising the interfaces between functions, the relationships between people and the technical integration requirements between systems."

"In the future, we hope to create an exercise of the appropriate scale that can realistically run the 16th SOW command and control processes through their paces, with involvement from each of the functional areas and operators," he said.

Hurlburt Happenings

Community

Clinic closures, changes

The 16th Medical Group will close today at 11 a.m. in support of an official function. However, normal clinic operations will be in effect until 11 a.m. For any emergency needs, utilize the Eglin Air Force Base emergency room. Also, beginning Wednesday, the 16th MDG operation hours will begin at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to facilitate participation in the Air Force fitness program. However, the dental clinic will continue to open at 7 a.m.

Munitions storage closure

The munitions storage area will be closed Monday through Sept. 10 in order to conduct a 100 percent semi-annual inventory *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.3.1*. Only emergency issue requests signed by the group commander *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.2.3* will be accepted during the inventory. This won't affect the flying schedule or munitions support for aircraft. For more information, call Munitions Operations at 884-2747/2004.

POW/MIA ceremony

Service members are invited to the Air Park Sept. 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. to honor prisoners of war/missing in action recognition day and the 57th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. The uniform for the ceremony is short-sleeve blues.

Ribbon cutting

All Hurlburt Field personnel are invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. for the 16th Medical Group. This will be the grand opening of the new clinic addition and the new pharmaceutical dispensing system, which is expected to improve quality control and patient safety.

4th Annual Freedom Run

The 4th Annual Freedom Run to benefit the families of fallen heroes will be held Sept. 12. The riders will meet at Heritage Cycles in Fort Walton Beach at 8:30 a.m. and at leave 10 a.m. They will then proceed to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Pensacola and return to Heritage Cycles for to award door prizes and fellowship. There is a \$7 minimum donation per person. For more information, call Jim Parker at 682-9860.

16th LRS support

The customer service section, located in Building 90710, is the primary point of contact for all supply-related problems or complaints. Customers can reach the office at 884-3531. Customer service is the issue call in point for all non-aircraft related organizations. For C-130 maintenance units, call the flight line support section at 884-1906. For helicopter maintenance units, call the Helo Parts Store at 881-4101.

Manpower needs Airmen

The 16th Special Operations Wing Manpower and Organization Office is currently seeking motivated career senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants for cross training into the Manpower 3U0X1 career field.

The Manpower career field incorporates process improvements to the ways duties are accomplished, organizational structure, determining how many people a unit needs to do the mission and perform-

ance management. For eligibility to cross train, contact personnel employments at the military personnel flight. If eligible and interested in a rewarding career, call 1st Lt. Louis Carvin at 884-6787.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month events from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

FSU home games

Information, tickets and travel is offering day trips to Florida State University home games in Tallahassee. Cost is \$55 per person for a game ticket and round-trip bus transportation. Full payment is required at booking. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848.

Hispanic heritage luncheon

A kick-off luncheon will be held Sept. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Soundside club. The guest speaker will be retired Chief Master Sgt. Jose Tavares, former Command Chief Master Sgt. of the 21st Air Force. Cost is \$11 for club members and \$13 for non-members. For more information, call 1st Lt. AJ Lugo at 884-8209.

Motorcycle range closure

Because the Permanent Exercise Facility will be closed for other scheduled users during September, the motorcycle training range won't be accessible. Motorcycle rider training will resume in October, when the exercise facility is available. Motorcycle operators are reminded *IAW AFI 91-207, military personnel will not operate a motorcycle on or off base without motorcycle safety foundation training*. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Gist at 884-2614.

Childcare relocation

Effective immediately, the family child care office has moved from the community center/teen club, Building 90337, into a housing unit behind the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center at 4 Clark Road. The new phone number is 581-1207.

Free childcare

With the Returning Home Care Program, Airmen who are returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism are entitled to 16 hours of free child care per child. For more information on this program and other family childcare programs, call Carol Carter or Trish Barrett at 581-1207.

SNCO induction ceremony

The Hurlburt Field Chief's Group and the Top 3 Council will co-sponsor this year's Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. The event is today at 3 p.m. at the Soundside club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paula Jackson at 884-1233 or Senior Master Sgt. Greg Nabors at 884-4552.

PME testing

The education office will open another testing window on the following dates for Professional Military Education testing only: Wednesday, Sept. 8, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29. For more information or to schedule a test, call 884-6724.

Air Force TV and Radio News



To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit: <http://af.feedroom.com> or www.af.mil/news and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education:
September-May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August-May
Youth and Singles groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

For more information, call 884-7795

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field 884-7648

Friday and Sunday - (PG-13) *Anchorman*, starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate - When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego, is willing to play along at first as long as Veronica stays in her place covering cat fashion shows, cooking and other "female" interests. But, when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchor-persons - it's war.

Saturday - (PG-13) *King Arthur*, starring Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd - Arthur and his knights have served in the Roman military for 15 years, and now, have only on mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village.

Eglin 882-1066

Friday and Sunday - (PG-13) *Catwoman*, starring Halle Berry and Sharon Stone - Patience Philips seems destined to spend her life apologizing for taking up space. This comes to a screeching halt when she inadvertently becomes a human guinea pig for the revolutionary anti-aging product Hedare and not only lands herself in the middle of a corporate conspiracy of gargantuan proportions, but on the city police force's most wanted list. Equipped with a new feline prowess, Patience is a different person come nighttime, more accurately, a Catwoman.

Saturday - (PG) *A Cinderella Story*, starring Hilary Duff and Jennifer Coolidge - Samantha lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed stepmother Fiona and her sinfully wicked stepsisters. She finds her less-than-sparkling social life wonderfully complicated when she meets her Prince Charming online. Her anonymous cyber soul mate turns out to be Austin, her high school's quarterback. Fearing rejection, Sam dodges Austin's efforts to discover the identity of his princess.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

AFROTC board move

The Air Education and Training Command moved the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps 2005 candidate board from September to November 2004. Additionally, AETC has made five additional universities available for colonels and colonel selects to compete as AFROTC detachment commanders in 2005.

For application information, visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocm>.

Veteran's Day parade

The City of Mary Esther will host its sixth annual Veteran's Day parade Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Its one-mile route begins in front of Santa Rosa mall and proceeds to a short portion of U.S. Highway 98, ending at the Target department store. There's no entry fee to participate. For registration information, call Laura Aldrich at 243-3566, extension 11.

Order of the Sword

Air Force Special Operations Command enlisted Airmen will induct Gen. Paul Hester, former AFSOC commander, into the Order of the Sword Nov. 5 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The general will be recognized for his contributions to

the enlisted men and women of AFSOC. Tickets will go on sale for the induction ceremony, which is an enlisted-only event, Wednesday.

Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing, and supporting events for the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

Classes

'Boat Smart' class

A free five-week "Boat Smart" class is planned for Mondays from Sept. 13 through Oct. 11 at 7-9 p.m. at the Anchorage building, 404 Green Acres Road, Fort Walton Beach. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. the first night of class.

The class covers safe boat handling, good seamanship, rules of the road, aids to navigation and local boating laws. Class instruction is free; course materials are \$30. For more information, call 897-6468.

Dog obedience class

Outdoor recreation offers a six-week dog obedience class starting Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. for dogs who are at least four months old. Classes are held at the picnic grounds. Cost is \$60 per dog. The first session is reserved for owners only and requires the dog's current shot records and payment.

For more information, call outdoor recreation at 884-6939.

HAWC classes

To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for more information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.

Healthy Living Workshop – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program – Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Eating Heart Healthy – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Fitness 101 – Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Body Composition Improvement Program Follow-Up – Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Fitness Improvement Program Follow-Up – Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

Diabetic Nutrition Follow-up – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

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